GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3918
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COMMUNITY CERTIFICATES TO SSCHEDULED CASTES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether authorities vested with powers to issue community certificate continue to issue such certificates to the Scheduled Tribes of their respective State on demand as envisaged in Article 342 of our Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an effective machinery would be formed at all the levels for the quick verification of the communities to facilitate the issuance of such certificates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b)Yes,Sir. Revenue officers have been authorized to issue Scheduled Tribe certificates in States and Union Territories.

(c) & (d) The Supreme Court, in the matter of Madhuri Patil Vs. AdditionalCommissioner, Tribal Development, Maharashtra (1994(4) JT 423) has commended a procedure for the issuance and verification of such certificates. In pursuance thereof, the State Governments have established scrutiny committees at various levels.